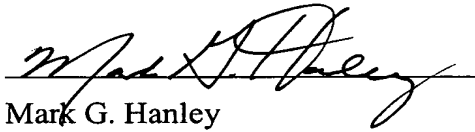


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-42 are cancelled without prejudice. The applicants respectfully request an early favorable action on the merits. If there are any remaining matters that the examiner would like to discuss, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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